

In the United States Patent and Trademark Office

Serial Number: _____
Appn. Filed: _____
Applicant: Bart Dickens
Appn. Title: Necktie Knot Simulator
Examiner: _____

Mailed : December 3, 2003
At: Santa Barbara, CA

Information Disclosure Statement

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Sir:

Attached is a completed Form PTO/SB/08A and copies of the pertinent parts of the references cited thereon. In addition this statement is to disclose prior knowledge of a substitute device for a knot in a necktie. There is, to my knowledge, no published article describing the article. I observed the device over 10 years ago and at the time asked the wearer Jeff Jones, where it came from. He informed me that his brother Steve Jones of Woodland CA. made it. I feel that the device does not conflict with this patent application because the prior art does not closely resemble a necktie knot. It also does not offer the combination of aperture diameter as well as aperture length per my Claim 1(c) to provide the frictional resistance my invention offers. Finally, the prior art is a ceramic product that is quite fragile.

Very respectfully,

 12/03/03

c/o Bart Dickens, Applicant Pro Se
P O Box 61406
Santa Barbara, CA 93160
(805) 892-2922

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1

of 1

Complete if Known

Application Number	
Filing Date	
First Named Inventor	Bart Dickens
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	NEXTIE

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
		US- 6,094,746	08-01-2000	Miller	all
		US- 2,316,002	07-07-1941	Koivisto	all
		US- 2,714,719	09-09-1955	Peake	all
		US- 5,216,757	06-08-1993	Dorkin	all
		US- 5,953,755	09-21-1999	Barylski	all
		US- 5,493,731	02-27-1996	Amnott	all
		US- 5,035,002	06-30-1991	Knight Jr.	all
		US- 4,748,692	06-07-1988	Fukushima	all
		US- 3,999,222	12-22-1976	Walborn	all
		US- 3,964,105	06-22-1976	Gideon	all
		US- 3,745,614	07-17-1973	Tsang	all
		US- 2,787,002	04-02-1957	De La Piedra	all
		US- 2,654,095	01-03-1952	Gougen	all
		US- 2,617,108	11-11-1952	Anzell	all
		US- 4,573,219	03-04-1986	Hooten	all
		US- 5,920,907	07-13-1999	Pierce	all
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
--------------------	--	-----------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND

TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.